C 3.164:930-I/962/2

United States
Foreign Trade

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Luther H. Hodges, Secretary

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
Richard M. Scammon, Director

SUMMARY REPORT
FT 930-I

FEBRUARY 1962

FOR RELEASE
April 17, 1962

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA LIBRARIES APR 1962

IMPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States imports for consumption from $1,353.6 million in January to $1,198.1 million in February,[1,2] a decrease of about 11 percent, resulted from lower levels of imports of all of the economic classes of commodities. The February 1962 imports for consumption total[2] was about 13 percent higher than the February 1961 total of $1,058.1 million.

Imports of semimanufactures fell from $310.9 million in January to $261.7 million in February. This change was largely due to decreases in imports of gas and fuel oil, from $72.3 to $50.5 million; nickel and alloys, from $25.8 to $16.8 million; copper, from $26.0 to $18.5 million; and tin, from $11.9 to $4.8 million. The decline in imports of finished manufactures, from $466.9 to $416.3 million reflected small decreases in imports of many of the individual commodities included in this economic class. The more noticeable of these were newsprint, from $55.9 to $48.5 million; vehicles, except automobiles, from $24.8 to $17.9 million; and steel mill products, from $27.5 to $23.7 million.

During the period, imports of crude materials fell from $291.0 to $257.4 million owing chiefly to decreases in imports of individual items included in this economic class as follows: crude petroleum, from $88.5 to $79.1 million; ferroalloying ores, from $30.2 to $21.7 million; crude rubber, from $22.5 to $18.8 million; and rough or uncut diamonds, from $11.6 to $8.1 million. Decreases in imports of meat products, from $37.4 to $28.3 million and sugar, from $27.3 to $22.5 million were the chief factors in the drop in imports of manufactured foodstuffs from $125.1 to $104.2 million. Imports of crude foodstuffs decreased slightly, from $159.8 to $158.5 million.

[1]See the February 1962 issue of Report No. FT 900-I for seasonally-adjusted figures on general imports. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available for imports for consumption or on a commodity basis.

[2]Excludes about $9.7 million of $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments which are also excluded from data in other reports such as FT 930-I, FT 110, FT 120, IM 145, etc.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty-free) which is entered through United States Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in-transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: Monthly import statistics for individual commodities are based on full compilation of all formal entry shipments valued $100 and over (over 99 percent of total import value) and are therefore free of sampling variability. They are, however, subject to some error due to the omission of informal entry shipments (i.e. those valued under $250) and under $100 formal entry shipments from commodity statistics, and also from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in the reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

Prepared in the Bureau of the Census, Foreign Trade Division

For sale by the Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C. Price 10¢, annual subscription $1.00 for both FT 930-E and FT 930-I

USCOMM--DC

UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: FEBRUARY 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Data revised to reflect all corrections published with statistics through those for December 1961. The 1961 figures have been further revised as indicated in footnote 3 on page 4 of this report. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Economic class and commodity[1]	February 1962	January 1962	February 1961[3]	Monthly average 1961[3]
Total.....value..	[2]1,198.1	1,353.6	1,058.1	1,219.5
Free.....value..	482.4	530.3	452.9	490.9
Dutiable.....value..	715.7	823.4	605.2	728.5
Crude materials.....value..	257.4	291.0	233.2	262.7
Hides and skins.....value..	7.6	5.3	3.4	5.4
Undressed furs.....value..	14.3	15.7	9.9	7.5
Crude rubber.....1,000,000 lb..	74	93	60	74
value..	18.8	22.5	15.6	18.4
Copra.....1,000 lb..	62,689	70,198	43,886	64,233
value..	4.2	4.5	3.0	4.2
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	14,182	15,710	14,458	13,870
value..	8.7	10.4	9.8	9.5
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	14,473	14,947	4,922	13,340
value..	1.2	1.2	0.3	2.9
Jute and jute butts.....long tons..	11,455	8,323	2,672	1,863
value..	2.5	1.9	1.0	0.6
Sisal and henequen.....long tons..	11,920	9,885	6,400	8,609
value..	2.0	1.6	1.2	1.6
Wool, unmanufactured, free.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight..	13	13	16	17
clean content[4]..	11	11	13	13
value..	6.8	7.0	8.4	9.0
Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight..	18	20	9	11
clean content[4]..	12	13	6	8
value..	11.2	13.1	6.0	7.5
Pulpwood.....1,000 cords..	117	128	156	112
value..	2.2	2.3	2.9	2.1
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	34,899	38,529	30,012	34,357
value..	79.1	88.5	69.2	77.8
Diamonds, rough or uncut.....1,000 carats..	109	188	191	190
value..	8.1	11.6	9.3	9.6
Diamonds, for industrial use.....1,000 carats..	1,027	1,100	830	1,184
value..	5.4	5.1	4.9	5.7
Iron ore and concentrates.....1,000 long tons..	1,588	1,777	1,631	2,068
value..	15.1	17.3	15.5	20.9
Ferroalloying ores.....value..	21.7	30.2	[3]35.2	[3]32.8
Copper (copper content).....1,000 lb..	3,023	1,739	8,119	9,068
value..	0.8	0.5	2.2	2.6
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	16,006	39,609	9,288	22,905
value..	1.1	4.1	1.0	2.1
Tin (tin content).....long tons..	1,038	29	1,188	746
value..	2.8	0.1	2.7	1.8
Zinc (zinc content).....1,000 lb..	72,980	81,060	55,434	65,828
value..	3.5	4.4	2.3	2.9
Other nonferrous ores and concentrates.....value..	8.0	8.3	6.8	7.6
All other crude materials.....value..	32.4	35.4	22.8	30.2
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	158.5	159.8	139.7	143.5
Fish and shellfish.....1,000 lb..	43,743	43,034	43,161	42,762
value..	17.5	18.9	15.1	15.5
Cattle, except for breeding.....thousands..	97	87	69	85
value..	7.9	7.2	5.8	7.8
Grains.....value..	2.4	1.5	1.7	3.4
Vegetables, fresh and dried.....value..	6.6	5.6	5.4	2.8
Bananas[5].....1,000 bunches..	([5])	([5])	4,197	4,528
1,000 lb..	303,415	258,271	([5])	([5])
value..	6.7	6.1	6.1	6.5
Cocoa or cacao beans.....1,000,000 lb..	50	68	69	64
value..	11.1	14.8	16.8	13.3
Coffee, raw or green.....1,000,000 lb..	306	304	227	247
value..	94.0	92.5	76.4	80.1
Tea.....1,000 lb..	9,378	11,202	7,734	9,111
value..	4.2	5.1	3.9	4.5
Black pepper, unground.....1,000 lb..	2,737	1,988	1,929	2,650
value..	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.1
All other crude foodstuffs.....value..	7.2	7.4	7.9	8.5

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: FEBRUARY 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity[1]	February 1962	January 1962	February 1961[3]	Monthly average 1961[3]
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	104.2	125.1	110.5	133.5
Meat products.....value..	28.3	37.4	21.9	32.1
Cheese.....1,000 lb..	5,910	5,850	6,822	6,318
value..	2.5	2.9	2.7	3.0
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	40,294	45,925	39,615	42,763
value..	11.3	13.3	11.7	12.3
Fodders and feeds.....value..	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.3
Cane or beet sugar.....1,000,000 lb..	472	497	691	703
value..	22.5	27.3	37.8	38.1
Molasses.....1,000 gal..	16,684	23,150	15,069	21,902
value..	1.8	2.7	1.2	2.3
Whisky.....value..	13.5	14.1	11.4	16.6
All other manufactured foodstuffs .....value..	23.1	26.0	22.5	27.8
Semimanufactures.....value..	261.7	310.9	228.9	257.0
Leather.....value..	4.3	4.6	2.9	3.4
Bristles.....1,000 lb..	245	263	303	246
value..	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7
Expressed oils, inedible.....value..	3.1	5.0	3.4	3.8
Quebracho.....1,000 lb..	4,859	6,360	8,790	9,139
value..	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5
Wool semimanufactures.....value..	4.1	5.0	4.1	4.5
Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc.....1,000,000 bd. ft..	350	284	262	355
value..	22.8	20.4	18.7	26.1
Wood pulp.....1,000 short tons..	238	219	196	206
value..	28.3	26.3	24.1	25.3
Gas and fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	23,864	37,114	25,855	20,362
value..	50.5	72.3	57.4	45.0
Asbestos[6].....short tons..	50,213	54,615	42,411	47,747
value..	4.9	4.9	3.8	4.3
Diamonds, cut but not set.....1,000 carats..	70	88	58	70
value..	6.3	8.1	5.5	6.6
Iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	15.0	17.4	6.9	14.7
Aluminum.....value..	9.2	10.4	6.6	10.6
Copper (copper content).....1,000,000 lb..	63	86	67	63
value..	18.5	26.0	19.5	18.5
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	50,641	51,853	31,034	42,983
value..	5.1	4.5	4.1	5.2
Nickel and alloys.....1,000 lb..	22,528	33,475	16,775	21,813
value..	16.8	25.8	9.4	15.3
Tin.....1,000 lb..	4,076	10,453	4,549	7,557
value..	4.8	11.9	4.5	8.2
Zinc.....1,000 lb..	19,323	30,142	15,588	21,099
value..	2.2	3.2	1.7	2.3
Coal-tar products.....value..	4.0	4.5	3.1	5.0
Industrial chemicals.....value..	8.8	8.9	9.1	9.0
Fertilizers and materials.....1,000 short tons..	188	179	174	145
value..	7.0	6.7	6.4	5.8
All other semimanufactures .....value..	45.2	43.9	36.4	42.2
Finished manufactures.....value..	[2] 416.3	466.9	345.8	422.9
Leather manufactures.....value..	9.4	8.8	6.8	9.0
Essential or distilled oils.....value..	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.7
Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq. yd..	41,140	48,690	20,618	21,208
value..	7.8	9.4	4.6	4.9
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	13.7	16.6	9.9	12.1
Burlap.....1,000 yd..	90,565	99,310	63,749	68,088
1,000 lb..	57,920	62,940	39,750	42,152
value..	11.1	11.9	8.2	9.0
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures.....value..	2.7	2.8	2.0	2.6
Wool manufactures.....value..	11.7	13.0	11.1	16.4
Silk manufactures.....value..	4.4	4.9	3.8	4.5
Shingles.....1,000 squares..	152	147	122	195
value..	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.7
Newsprint.....1,000 short tons..	394	446	379	455
value..	48.5	55.9	48.0	57.2
Other paper manufactures.....value..	6.0	6.7	5.1	6.1
Pottery.....value..	3.7	4.7	3.7	4.5

See footnotes at end of table.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
3 1262 08587 0730

UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: FEBRUARY 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity[1]	February 1962	January 1962	February 1961[3]	Monthly average 1961[3]
Finished manufactures—Continued				
Steel mill products.....value..	23.7	27.5	17.1	22.9
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	9.9	10.9	8.5	10.2
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	12.8	13.2	10.5	9.5
Automobiles and parts.....value..	46.3	42.8	29.7	31.5
Other machinery.....value..	55.4	58.8	42.5	55.3
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	17.9	24.8	12.9	17.5
Photographic goods.....value..	5.6	4.7	3.7	5.0
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	3.7	4.5	3.5	3.8
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	1.8	2.4	1.5	2.3
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	5.0	6.9	4.4	5.8
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	3.7	2.0	2.9	4.2
American goods returned.....value..	18.2	23.4	18.7	22.5
All other finished manufactures .....value..	90.1	97.1	75.7	90.9
Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments[7].....value..	([2])	10.1	8.4	11.6

[1]Based on commodity classifications in Schedule A, Statistical Classification of Commodities Imported into the United States. A Supplement to Report No. FT 930-I showing the Schedule A numbers included in the individual economic class and commodity totals is available on request. [2]Excludes about $9.7 million of $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments which are also excluded from data in other reports such as FT 950-I, FT 110, FT 120, IM 145, etc. [3]The 1961 imports for consumption figures have been revised to reflect the addition of data on imports of uranium ore and concentrates (Schedule A commodity number 6270 700), included in this report in the totals for "ferroalloying ores." See the calendar year 1961 or the January 1962 issue of Report No. FT 110 for additional information. [4]Includes the actual weight of carbonized wool. [5]Unit of quantity changed from "1,000 bunches" to "1,000 pounds" effective with the statistics for January 1962. The net quantity figures shown for January 1962 and subsequent periods are reported in "1,000 pounds" while those for prior periods are reported in "1,000 bunches." [6]Net quantity reported in "short tons" effective with the statistics for January 1962. The net quantity information shown for earlier periods (formerly reported in "long tons") has been revised to show "short tons". [7]This estimate is subject to a sampling variation of about 3 percent of the estimated value shown. For an explanation of the sampling procedures used in estimating, see foreword of Report No. FT 110.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE